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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Request and Comment Request

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages requiring clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with Public Law 104-13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, effective October 1, 1995. This notice includes revisions and an extension of OMB-approved information collections.

SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate; the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility, and clarity; and ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Mail, email, or fax your comments and recommendations on the information collection(s) to the OMB Desk Officer and SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following addresses or fax numbers.

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- I. The information collection below is pending at SSA. SSA will submit it to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice. To be sure we consider your comments, we must receive them no later than **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**. Individuals can obtain copies of the collection instruments by writing to the above email address.

Application for Supplemental Security Income -- 20 CFR 416.207 and 416.305 -- 416.335, Subpart C -- 0960-0229. The Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program provides aged, blind, and disabled individuals who have little or no income, with funds for food, clothing, and shelter. Individuals complete Form SSA-8000 to apply for SSI. SSA uses the information from paper Form SSA-8000 and its electronic intranet counterpart, the Modernized SSI Claims Systems (MSSICS), to determine: (1) Whether SSI claimants meet all statutory and

regulatory eligibility requirements; and (2) SSI payment amounts. The respondents are applicants for SSI or their representative payees.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of Completion	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Average Burden Per Response (minutes)	Total Estimated Annual Burden (hours)
SSA-8000, Paper Version	39,295	1	41	26,852
MSSICS Version	211,802	1	36	127,081
MSSICS with Signature Proxy (attestation)	1,713,671	1	35	999,641
Totals	1,964,768			1,153,574

- II.** SSA submitted the information collections below to OMB for clearance. Your comments regarding the information collections would be most useful if OMB and SSA receive them 30 days from the date of this publication. To be sure we consider your comments, we must receive them no later than **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

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- 1. Disability Report-Appeal -- 20 CFR 404.1512, 416.912, 404.916(c), 416.1416(c), 422.140, 404.1713, 416.1513, 404.1740(b)(4), 416.1540(b)(4), and 405 Subpart C -- 0960-0144.** SSA requires disability applicants who wish to appeal an unfavorable disability determination to complete Form SSA-3441-BK,

the associated Electronic Disability Collect System (EDCS) interview, or the Internet application, i3441. This allows claimants to disclose any changes to their disability or resources that might influence SSA's unfavorable determination. We may use the information to: (1) Reconsider and review an initial disability determination; (2) review a continuing disability; and (3) evaluate a request for a hearing. This information assists the State Disability Determination Services (DDS) and administrative law judges (ALJ) in preparing for the appeals and hearings, and in issuing a determination or decision on an individual's entitlement (initial or continuing) to disability benefits. In addition, the information we collect on the SSA-3441-BK facilitates SSA's collection of medical information to support the applicant's request for reconsideration; request for benefits cessation appeal; and request for a hearing before an ALJ. Respondents are individuals who appeal denial, reduction, or cessation of Social Security disability income and SSI payments; who wish to request a hearing before an ALJ; or their representatives.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of Completion	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Average Burden Per Response (minutes)	Total Estimated Annual Burden (hours)
SSA-3441-BK	2,396	1	45	1,797
Electronic Disability Collect System (EDCS)	476,771	1	45	357,578
i3441 (Internet)	1,046,938	1	28	488,571
Totals	1,526,105			847,946

2. Request for Hearing by Administrative Law Judge -- 20 CFR 404.929, 404.933, 416.1429, 404.1433, 418.1350, and 42 CFR 405.722 -- 0960-0269.

When SSA denies applicants' or beneficiaries' requests for new or continuing benefits, the Social Security Act entitles those applicants or beneficiaries to request a hearing to appeal the decision. To request a hearing, individuals complete Form HA-501, the associated Modernized Claims System (MCS) or MSSICS interview, or the Internet application (i501). SSA uses the information to determine if the individual: (1) Filed the request within the prescribed time; (2) is the proper party; and (3) took the steps necessary to obtain the right to a hearing. SSA also uses the information to determine: (1) The individual's reason(s) for disagreeing with SSA's prior determinations in the case; (2) if the individual has additional evidence to submit; (3) if the individual wants an oral hearing or a decision on the record; and (4) whether the individual has (or wants to appoint) a representative. The respondents are Social Security benefit applicants and recipients who want to appeal SSA's denial of their request for new or continued benefits, and Medicare Part B recipients who must pay the Medicare Part B Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount.

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Modality of Completion	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Average Burden Per Response (minutes)	Total Estimated Annual Burden (hours)
HA-501; Modernized Claims System (MCS);	25,953	1	10	4,326

Modernized Supplemental Security Income Claims System (MSSICS)				
i501 (Internet iAppeals)	643,516	1	5	53,626
Totals	669,469			57,952

- 3. Request for Reconsideration -- 20 CFR 404.907-404.921, 416.1407-416.1421, 408.1009, and 418.1325 -- 0960-0622.** Individuals use Form SSA-561-U2, the associated MCS interview, or the Internet application (i561) to initiate a request for reconsideration of a denied claim. SSA uses the information to document the request and to determine an individual's eligibility or entitlement to Social Security benefits (Title II), SSI payments (Title XVI), Special Veterans Benefits (Title VIII), Medicare (Title XVIII), and for initial determinations regarding Medicare Part B income-related premium subsidy reductions. The respondents are individuals filing for reconsideration of a denied claim.

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Modality of Completion	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Average Burden Per Response (minutes)	Total Estimated Annual Burden (hours)
SSA-561 and Modernized Claims System (MCS)	550,370	1	8	73,383
i561 (Internet iAppeals)	911,330	1	5	75,944
Totals	1,461,700			149,327

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